

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action mailed June 22, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein.

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-13, and 15-21 remain in the present application. Claims 6-7, 10, 14, and 22-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 25-31 have been added to the present application.

Claims 22-24 were each objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise allowable.

In the June 22, 2004 Final Office Action, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,515,969 issued to Michael R. Smith (hereinafter "Smith"). Claims 6, 7, 10, and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection of such claims moot. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16, and 19 to include the elements of allowable dependent claims 22-24, respectively, in order to place the claims in condition for allowance.

New claims 25-31 depend from amended claims 16 and 19. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 25-31 are likewise patentable over Smith for at least the reasons that claims 16 and 19 are patentable over Smith.

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In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-13, 15-21 and 25-31, as amended, are now in a condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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